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A metering machine comprising a frame on which a hopper is mounted that is organized to receive a food to be metered out, and that has a bottom in the vicinity of 5 which at least one feed duct opens out for feeding food to a metering device, and at least one drum. According to the invention, the drum is mounted on the frame to pivot about an axis that is substantially perpendicular to the feed duct so as to bring the chamber of said drum 10 into a suction position in alignment with the feed duct, and into a delivery position offset angularly relative to said feed duct. The central hub of the drum is further equipped with a suction piston and with a delivery 15 piston, which pistons slide between a deployed position inside the chamber in register and a retracted position out of said chamber.